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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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TAGS: OREP (FREEMAN, CONSTANCE; MANTEL, ROBERT; ROUSSEAU, RUDOLPH)

SUBJ: STAFFDEL FREEMAN/MANTEL/ROUSSEAU

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1. CONCERNING ROBERT MANTEL'S VISIT TO DEHI, WE HAVE RESERVED SINGLE FOR HIM AT ASHOKA HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 2 INCLUSIVE. MANTEL'S CONTROL OFFICER, FSO WALTER H. MANGER, WILL MEET UPON ARRIVAL.

2. WE ARE SEEKING MEETINGS WITH FOLLOWING PEOPLE: DEFENCE SECRETARY D. R. KOHLI, AND THROUGH HIM THE THREE SERVICE CHIEFS DR. J S. TEJA, JOINT SECRETARY, AMERICA DIVISION, MEA MR. M. A VELLODI, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MEA DINESH SINGH, MP AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER GENERAL PALIT, RETIRED FROM THE INDIAN ARMY GIRILAL JAIN, EDITOR, TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

3. IN ADDITION, MANTEL WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER GOI AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS AT A SERIES OF SMALL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS TO BE HOSTED BY DCM AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR. AMONG THE GUESTS WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES, THE JOINT SECRETARY FOR POLICY PLANNING IN THE MEA, AND THE MEA OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOVIET, CHINESE, BANLADESH, AND PAKISTAN AFFAIRS.

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4. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY ISLAMABAD POINT OUT TO MANTEL THAT THE THREE SERVICE CHIEFS ON WHOM HE WISHES TO CALL ARE TRADITIONALLY REMOVED FROM THE INDIAN POLITICAL SCENE AND MAY FEEL IT INAPPROPRIATE TO MEET WITH A SFRC STAFF MEMBER. WE HAVE REQUESTED THE APPOINTMENTS THROUGH APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN CHANNELS AT THE MOD (DEFENCE SECRETARY KOHLI), BUT WE BELIEVE THAT MANTEL SHOULD KNOW THAT WE MAY NOT SECCEED IN SETTING UP THESE MEETINGS.

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